

# CITY'S RACIAL IMAGE TIED TO COLLEGE SITE

## Schools OK Pay Hikes

Teachers, administrators and board of education members are still fighting the financial battle.

Pay raises, tax rates and rising costs occupied the major part of Monday night's Torrance Unified School District board meeting.

The board voted 3-2 after lengthy discussion to grant a flat 2½ per cent pay raise to all district employees, including teachers and classified employees. This contrasts with the 3½ per cent increase recommended by superintendent J. H. Hull and the 5½ to 6 per cent raises asked by teachers' groups.

Board president Bert Lynn and member William Hansen voted against the increase, which will amount to about \$300,000 in the next fiscal year. Hull's recommendation would have cost \$402,000 and the teachers' demands about \$515,000. Members Polly Watts, Al Charles and Dr. Kurt Shery voted for the increase.

**TOP PAY UPPED**  
The board then voted 5-0 to grant the same percentage increase to Hull and assistant superintendent Sam Waldrip.

Maximum pay for classroom teachers was boosted from \$9,800 to just over \$10,000. The Torrance Education Assn. had sought an increase to \$10,600, while the American Federation of Teachers had asked for a \$12,500 maximum.

The additional \$300,000

will be met out of reserves developed by the three-year 50-cent tax override which ends next June.

In the face of obvious need for funds beyond 1964, Lynn said he would favor going for another 50-cent override, "or a few cents more at most."

Mrs. Watts said to Lynn "If you have a way of financing the district's program with a 50-cent override, I wish you'd explain it to me." Mrs. Watts termed a 50-cent override "unrealistic."

School officials estimated privately the total need would be closer to a dollar. They pointed out that it costs \$25 a pupil more per year to run the district, with more pupils coming in each year. Salaries, retirement, and materials keep increasing in price, and along with them, operational costs.

**MONEY NOT THERE**  
While it is true that the tax base (realty) is increasing, it isn't enough, say officials. For example, \$10 million in assessed valuation was added to the tax roll this year. That brings in \$29,000, or about 10 per cent of the money needed just for the minimal salary increases. At that rate, \$100 million in new valuation would be needed each year, and it just isn't forthcoming, officials said.

Plans for a \$1 million science and industrial addition to Torrance High were pushed along at the meeting.

## ECC Enrollment Expected To Exceed 13,000 This Fall

"El Camino College enrollment for the fall semester may exceed 13,000 students as the registration period draws to a rapid close," Leo M. Christian, assistant director of student personnel in charge of admissions and records, announced today.

The college official urged all applicants for both day and evening classes to make reservations to register as early as possible to assure themselves a full schedule of classes.

"Students first entering such college-level courses as English, mathematics, chemistry, shorthand, foreign languages, and journalism must complete a placement test in that field five days prior to registration," Christian elaborated.

Full-time students may secure reservations in the counseling office from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Part-time students may secure reservations and schedules of classes until 8 p.m. every evening, Monday

through Thursday in the Administration building on Crenshaw Boulevard.

"College counselors will be available to assist students at the time of registration. However, a study of the college catalog prior to meeting with the counselor will be of value to each incoming student," Christian noted.

"Registration will close on Friday, Aug. 30, and only one day has been scheduled for late registration, at which time late registrants will be confronted with the problem of closed classes," the assistant director warned. Late registration will be held Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. and from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the Student Activities Building. Students who have completed registration will begin classes on Tuesday, Sept. 10, for classes scheduled to meet on Tuesdays.

The entire college will be closed Monday, Sept. 9, in observance of the Admission Day holiday.

## Was Lincoln An Ally Of Anti-Religionists?

Recently a writer who said that religion is responsible for all the bad that has happened to man in the past 2,000 years inferred that in spirit Abraham Lincoln is his ally.

That has been the habit of many who have written in such a vein.

But what did Mr. Lincoln say to such a charge when he was alive?

What was Mr. Lincoln's conception of a Divine Being given at a moment of deep emotion in parting from old and treasured friends.

Read The Sounding Board in The Press on Friday's Church Page for Mr. Lincoln's own answer to the charge that he was a "scuffer at Christianity."

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## AUTO RIDE ENDS IN DEATH FOR YOUNG TORRANCE COACH



**MANGLED WRECKAGE** of auto in which 18-year-old North High graduate crashed to death Monday morning is viewed by firemen and spectators near accident scene at 20431 Hawthorne Blvd. Dennis Michael Compton, of 1817 Firman St., Redondo Beach, summer coach for Torrance Unified School District, was going south on Hawthorne at about 50-60 mph, according to officers, when his car crossed center divider and ran head-on into slow-moving truck driven by Spencer Willard Coffman. Compton's car was demolished and the truck heavily damaged. Coffman was not seriously hurt. Young Compton was expected to go to college this fall. He was dead on arrival at Little Company of Mary Hospital. Officers have not been able to determine the cause of the accident. They theorize that Compton's brakes were not working, or that something was wrong with his steering wheel. —PRESS photo by Mitch Major.

## BIRCHERS AND NAZIS BREAK UP CIVIL RIGHTS FORUM AT TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL WITH JEERS AND HECKLINGS

John Birch Society members admitted this week that they were among leaders of hecklers who broke up a civil rights forum Saturday night at Torrance High School.

But the Birchers denied that the society had anything to do with the demonstration. "Sure, it's true that some of us were members of the society, but that had nothing to do with it," said Jack Sacks, Palos Verdes Estates electronics engineer.

Sacks said he and his fellow Birchers were not segregationists. He said "We violently oppose laws which would force us to sell property to persons we don't want to sell to."

"We went down there to protect our rights and property," he said.

Sacks said the protest was made because property owners feel their rights are being violated.

**Speakers Jeered**  
Torrance city prosecutor C. F. (Monte) Catterlin, moderator of the forum, had blamed Birchers, whose number he put at about 35,

and several American Nazis for the heckling that broke up a meeting of about 400 sponsored by the Centinela Bay Human Relations Committee.

Speakers were shouted down, and jeering and catcalls reached the point that Catterlin recommended disbanding the meeting. Lt. Douglas Cook of Torrance police told the audience that it was now an "illegal assembly" and suggested adjournment.

Cook had told the audience that police would not arrest hecklers unless a citizen's arrest was made. Several persons, including Carl Pearlston and Forrest Beyer, both of Torrance, told The Press they had attempted to make citizens' arrests, but that Cook did not follow through. Cook said he took names, but did not make any arrests. He advised the would-be arresters that they could be facing legal involvement on false arrest charges.

The meeting resumed after the hecklers departed, but some of the speakers

had left.

**Jury Selection Delay**  
The forum had scheduled speakers from the state attorney general's office, the state real estate commissioner's office, the County Human Relations Commission, the state Fair Employment Practices Commission, the United Civil Rights Committee, the Community Services Organization, and others.

Meanwhile, jury selection in the CORE sit-in cases in Torrance and Redondo Beach was postponed two weeks for lack of jurors.

The city of Torrance agreed last night to hire additional attorneys to prosecute the CORE cases and the city's regular criminal calendar, and to do research for the cases.

A hearing is pending Friday before Superior Judge Alfred Gitelson on the injunction against picketing in Southwood tract. Gitelson has banned sit-ins and placed temporary restrictions on pickets. Pickets abided by the judge's ruling last weekend.

**160 Cases Pending**  
More than 160 cases are now pending from the CORE sit-ins, in numerous groups, many of which have not yet come to trial.

Juror selection and defense delays are expected to prolong the trials, but Torrance Judge William B. Keene, in an effort to speed proceedings, has ruled that defendants, attorneys, and prospective jurors must stay in court during the challenges and that attorneys of record may not be substituted.

## Drale Asks For Civil Rights Law

Torrance's "bad image" in the field of civil rights was blamed last night for the city's failure to get the area's new state college.

The charge was made by Councilman Nick Drale in the course of a bid he made to the city council to enact a civil rights ordinance clearly defining the city's position.

"Maybe if the city adopts such an ordinance, it would ease pressures and show the world Torrance is not the big, bad animal they think it is."

Drale asked the council to instruct city attorney Stanley Remelmyer to draft an ordinance calling for "what the President wants nationally and what Gov. Brown wants for the state." Drale added "it would help everybody."

**Vico Objects**  
The councilman said "We want to assure the people of California and the U.S. that we want to be equal in our treatment of everybody."

"Our college is affected by what the people in state government think. They think there's something wrong with us, and we have to erase this from their minds."

Councilman George Vico objected. He summed up his feelings this way: "If we had a group go up on Central Avenue and march, they'd kick hell out of us, and when the police came, nobody would know anything about it."

"I went to court and looked at those people (referring to the CORE sit-ins) and their own race is ashamed of them."

Vico added "If the colored people had enough money to come here, I don't think we have any choice, but I don't think colored people want to live next door to whites."

**"What Good Is It?"**  
Vico wanted to know "What good is an ordinance?"

Drale said he had been amazed at the way a civil rights forum Saturday night at Torrance High had been broken up by hecklers, and felt the right of free assembly was jeopardized by such a demonstration.

Councilman Ross Sciarrotta said "I honestly believe the demonstration was rigged by members of CORE to cause rowdiness and cast reflections that the city can't conduct a peaceful assembly."

Councilman Jay Beasley, acting as mayor pro tem in the absence of Mayor Albert Isen, told The Press "I think the meeting was rigged the other way."

Sciarrotta said the U.S. government has pre-empted the civil rights field.

After the council had instructed the city attorney, 6-0, to prepare the civil rights ordinance, there were some second thoughts.

**'Concerned' Over Concern**  
Councilman Ken Miller asked "What if we vote 'no'? Wouldn't that be an indication that we are opposed to civil rights? I think we've been fair to everybody and don't need an ordinance."

William Uerkwitz, 23136 Anza, head of Southwood Homeowners Assn., said "I'm a little concerned about Councilman Drale's concern about the black name of Torrance." He suggested the ordinance was unnecessary.

Assistant city manager Ed Ferrero, acting on behalf of city manager Wade Peebles, who was honeymooning in Las Vegas, suggested that Remelmyer prepare a study report instead.

The council agreed to this and rescinded its previous action.